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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT RE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY FEBRUARY 12:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH. I HAVE STRESSED MY ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH NEIGHBORS AND TRADITIONAL ALLIES, NOT JUST ABOUT BILATERAL MATTERS BUT ALSO ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US ALL. YOUR VISIT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THOSE CONSULTATIONS.

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ALIZED DEMOCRACIES, I ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT TO CONSULT ABOUT IT AT EACH STOP ON HIS RECENT TRIP AND WITH YOU. HE FOUND STRONG SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MEETING, AND A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT IT SHOULD BE HELD IN LONDON IN EARLY TO MID-MAY.

SINCE PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WILL BE HOSTING THE MEETING,

I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF SUGGESTING THAT HE BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SENDING OUT INVITATIONS. THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE THOSE REPRESENTED AT THE PUERTO RICO MEETING PLUS WHATEVER REPRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OUR EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES DEEM APPROPRIATE. AS THE JAPANESE HAVE REQUESTED, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE MEETING BE JUST BEFORE THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THE TWO MEETINGS WILL BE ENTIRELY SEPARATE. WE CAN CONSULT FURTHER ABOUT PRECISE TIMING. I KNOW WE SHARE A BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION BEFORE SUCH A MEETING. I WILL SOON NAME MY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PREPARATIONS, AND I WILL INFORM YOU AS SOON AS THAT CHOICE IS MADE.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU PERSONALLY. WE CAN DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAY MEETING ALONG WITH A VARIETY OF ISSUES OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE

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